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SUBJECT:ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICIAL VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER

RABIN

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1. BELOW IS TEXT OF ANNOUNCEMENT SCHEDULED TO BE MADE BY WHITE HOUSE DECEMBER 30 WHICH WAS DRAFTED TO PARALLEL ANNOUNCEMENT MADE IN OCTOBER OF SADAT VISIT, TEXT OF WHICH IS IN REFTEL, BEING REPEATED TO YOU. TEXT OF RABIN VISIT ANNOUNCEMENT WAS PROVIDED DECEMBER 24 TO ISRAELI EMBASSY WITH REQUEST FOR GOI CONCURRENCE. GOI IS EXPECTED TO MAKE SAME ANNOUNCEMENT ON DECEMBER 30.

2. BEGIN TEXT: HIS EXCELLENCY YITZHAK RABIN, PRIME MINISTER OF ISRAEL, HAS ACCEPTED PRESIDENT FORD'S INVITATION TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES FROM JANUARY 27 TO FEBRUARY 4. IN ADDITION TO HAVING DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PRESIDENT AND OTHERS IN WASHINGTON, PRIME MINISTER RABIN WILL VISIT SEVERAL OTHER CITIES. PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD

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LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING PRIME MINISTER AND MRS. RABIN ON THIS VISIT WHICH WILL SERVE TO SYMBOLIZE THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE UNITED STATES. THE

VISIT WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PRESIDENT AND
THE PRIME MINISTER TO DISCUSS IN DEPTH THE CURRENT SITUA-
TION IN THE MIDDLE EAST.
END TEXT. KISSINGER

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